

It is imperative that further deregulation of the broadcast industry not be allowed to go forward. It has already gone past a point of no return. I, as an American, find myself in the unenviable position of having to select network news based upon the public bias of their owners and management. Newspaper conglomerates present homogenized and pasturized news and editorials with an eye to pleasing the advertisers and politicians on whom they must rely for the news they print. The news I receive is strained through the social hierarchy of Who's Who in the world of politics and business--no reporter wants to find themselves off the guest list. Add to this insidious influence peddling the need to please the network owners and I believe our free press will be completely stripped of the word "free." Stop!